

- The 24 public library systems have a total of **183 branch libraries**. In addition, there are 3 regional libraries.
- More than **3 million Marylanders** have library cards.
- Marylanders spent **\$46.44 per person** in taxes per year for public libraries – much less than a family of four spends for one day at an amusement park.
- AskUsNow! has answered over **300,000** questions since its conception in 2003.
- Ten million DVD's/videos were borrowed from public libraries.
- The Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped supplies almost 13,000 blind and disabled customers with audio, large print and Braille books.

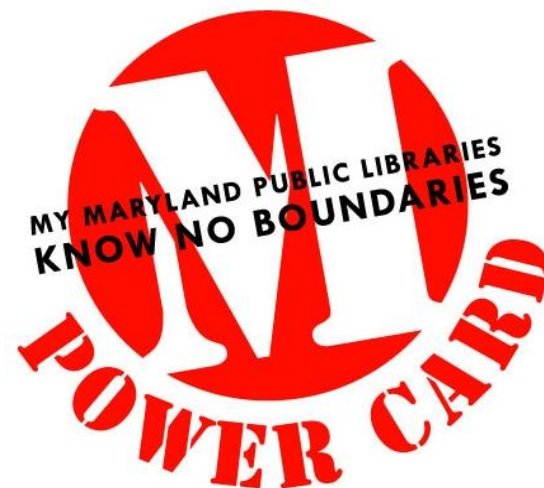
Marylanders can use their library cards to borrow and return books in ANY public library in the state.

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Quotable Facts About Maryland Public Libraries, FY 2009

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■ Everyday about **93,000 people enter one of Maryland Public Libraries.**

■ Librarians answered more than 7.5 million questions. (over **20,000 questions answered every day.**)

■ **Over four thousand children** and adults attend library programs on a daily basis.

■ Maryland provides inter library loans for customers through MARINA, a statewide delivery service.

■ **SAILOR**, which provides statewide access to the Internet, to schools and governments, was viewed 1,910,655 times in 2009.

■ Almost 4,000 **public access computers** are available at Maryland libraries.

■ **100% of Maryland public libraries are connected to the Internet** and provide wireless access.



A cooperative service of Maryland Libraries

■ Marylanders checked out almost 60 million items. (over 160,000 per day!)

Sources

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